

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A case for a handheld device, said case comprising:
a case shell, said case shell having a rear panel with an inner rear-panel surface and an outer rear-panel surface; and
a fastening means that includes a mating female connector and a male connector;
wherein said rear panel includes a recess on said inner rear-panel surface with a corresponding bubble on said outer rear-panel surface;
wherein a through-bore is provided through said smooth bubble; and
wherein said female connector is embedded in said recess and said male connector is insertable through said through-bore and fastenable with said female connector.
2. The case of claim 1 further comprising a shell backing, wherein said shell backing covers a portion of said rear panel inner surface and seals said female connector within said recess.
3. The case of claim 2, wherein said shell is made of metal.
4. The case of claim 2, wherein said shell is made of a form-rigid material.
5. The case of claim 1, wherein said male connector includes a threaded shaft, a support shaft, and a head and said threaded shaft is removably fastenable in said female connector in said recess.
6. The case of claim 5 further comprising a washer that is unremovably attached to said male threaded fastener.

7. The case of claim 6, wherein said washer has two surfaces, a first surface that is soft and energy absorbent and a second layer that is rigid.
8. The case of claim 5, wherein said head includes a slot for receiving an edge of a coin.
9. The case of claim 5, wherein said head has a circumferential side surface and said side surface has a surface with a surface treatment for enhancing gripping.
10. A case for a handheld device, said case comprising:
a shell having a rear panel with an inner rear-panel surface and an outer rear-panel surface;
a fastening means comprising a female connector and a male connector, said male connector having a threaded shaft, a support shaft, and a head;
a recess formed in said inner rear-panel surface that forms a corresponding bubble in said outer rear-panel surface, a through-bore being provided through said bubble
and a backing that is covers at least a portion of said inner rear-panel surface that surrounds said recess;
wherein said female connector is enclosed in said recess between said rear panel and said backing;
wherein said female connector and said recess have a corresponding shape, to prevent said female connector from rotating within said recess; and
wherein said threaded shaft is insertable through said through-bore and threadable into said female connector.
11. A case and belt clip assembly comprising:
said case of claim 1 and a belt clip, wherein said male threaded fastener has a head and a support shaft and and said belt clip has a groove, and wherein said support

shaft is slidable within said groove such that said head of said post is captured behind said groove.